South Whitly Whitly County Indiana
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To Wm L garrison From Richard Hopkins Borne in Kentucky 1790 which State I visited Last yearly reader of the Liberator from the first I Ever Seen it 1833 perhaps untill the good & great Design was accomplished how Much Self & family was & is Benefetted Cant just Say as the pleasure is not ceased & gives No signs of Exhaustion the present acknowledgement is Neither the Smallest Nor Largest but feel it impossible to say how much I feel Indebted but Still to partake of the Spoils of others yet particularly the Demonstration given at Sumpter as your great & good friend & Brother G. Thompson was personally to Enjoy so Bountifull a feast I Read the Nonresistant & then the practical Christian from first to the end since I have patronized A J Davis writings with much pleasure & am Not sure But will have progressed again Election Time Rolls Round to Cast a Ticket for the first Time in my life for a U S president should no act be part forbidding me out of Eleven in family when I first got the Liberator but five Remain My Sons as went to keeping house after a lette took it & the youngest Called his first W L G living Eighty Miles off wrote & then I sent to R. F. Walcutt obtained a likeness & I got the Best workman in these parts to frame it so it Hangs in the Room with Spectacles on to Day he Stills Reads the A Standard & occasionly a liberator as I have alway Noll to look over Now & then I used to Mail them to my Friends in Kentucky & Else where untill I Could get no Response only if Come there Not say any thing about Abolition a thing would hard to Comply with there for I would undertake so dear friend farewell my Nerves is almost give out for the present having failed as I thought I would before you Escorted your good friend home though had always thought I would Seeing your Name in the Banner of last week is why it Comes Now I cannot refrain well of giving a circumstance in stead the first year of political Abolition in Michigan I accidentally happened to there having Not heard of it was Requested to join the Lawyers prefatory Remarks Eulogizing their grand Scheme at the Close Said as To W L garrison that incendiary cut Throat &c &c Concluded in the Course of Evening my feelings warmed up & I Never had attempted to speak in a Convention or in a

puble polittical getherings in my Life I asked Libirty I Reffered to what had ben
said & attatched to your Name I Replyed that if I Could be Assured of weiring
a Crown one fourth as I Thought you would in a comming Day I would feel
Exalted Above Measure saying that Washington Jefferson & Adams would all
fade befour yours the Lawers face became Flored & said to Chairmen
out order it was Ruled to be in order I Concluded after a few words I was
sat Down with Clapping of hands & Stamping of feet Much to my Surprise
in the Course of the Evening the Lawyer Stuck at me with a club against Nonresistance
To which I Replyed in short which Called forth Stamping &c that being the first &
of My political Course in those few I felt Satisfyed to Stop with the Trophys given
after words there was a doctor Anthony Backed me up on Nonresistance said he
knew you & Respected your principles on that he afterwards stayed over Night with
with me Told me he was one of the Mob Help them ~~with~~ the the Time you was
put in jail in Boston But he was of diffrent Mind then & soon left for the
Summer Land

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Dear friend hoping you will get this Except it as I will Not Trouble you
for Reply I would be glaad if you see Mr R F Wolcutt Say to as an old
Subscriber I Ever feel gratefull for the Honest pains he took with my account
and Except My Best Wishes Now & Ever R Hopkins

Those Antislavery Society Men & women may well be Called a beacon to all Refor